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SEWAGE RELEASES IN OCEANSIDE AND AT TIJUANA RIVER *Closures At Buccaneer Beach And South County Beaches*

Oceanside

An estimated 700 gallon sewage spill to Loma Alta Creek in Oceanside was reported this morning to the County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health. The spill, which occurred yesterday morning on Hoover Street in Oceanside, was caused by construction debris in a sewer line. Signs warning of sewage contaminated water are posted at the Loma Alta Creek outlet at Buccaneer Beach and will remain in place until field measurements indicate the ocean water is safe for recreational use.

For more information on the sewage spill, please call the City of Oceanside Water Utilities Department at 760-435-5800.

Imperial Beach

The County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health has issued a water contact closure for the ocean shoreline from the U.S./ Mexico border to the north end of Imperial Beach due to sewage-contaminated runoff from the Tijuana Estuary. This includes Border Field State Park, the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge, and Imperial Beach shoreline. Tijuana River flows began entering the U.S. and the Tijuana Estuary on Sunday morning, December 10th, following rainfall in the Tijuana watershed. Field observations today indicate flows from the estuary mouth are moving northward and contamination of ocean water in Imperial Beach is suspected. Signs warning of sewage contaminated water will remain in place until field measurements indicate the ocean water is safe for recreational use.

For more information on the Tijuana River, please call the U.S. International Boundary & Water Commission at 619-662-7600.